

JEALOUSY LEADS TO A MURDER.

Edgar E. Halsey, Shot Dead
by Stacey Rogers
Last Night.

Jealousy Over a Woman Was
the Cause of the Fatal
Quarrel.

Edgar E. Halsey, a well-known carpenter of this city, was shot and instantly killed last night by Stacey Rogers. The shooting took place at the residence of Charles D. Haines, corner of Prince and Fulton streets, South Berkeley. It was the result of a quarrel between Halsey and Rogers, brought about, it is said, by jealousy over a woman. The slayer claims that he acted in self defense. The woman in the case is Mrs. Eva Harrison, who is employed in the Haines household and who, though she is less than twenty years old, has a divorced husband in San Francisco.

Last night Halsey called at the Haines residence and was sitting with Mrs. Harrison in a room in the rear of the house when Rogers came to the front door and inquired for Mr. Haines. Halsey heard him and recognized the voice as that of Rogers, whom he had warned to stay away from the Haines home under penalty of being thrashed. Halsey listened to the front door and out on to the front porch, where, according to the statement of Haines, who was standing by, he grappled with Rogers and tried to force him down the stairs. Rogers drew a revolver and fired point blank at Halsey's breast. He then hurriedly fled with a companion who stood on the sidewalk waiting for him.

Halsey, immediately after being shot, staggered back into the house. When he reached the sitting room he fell and died almost immediately in the presence of Haines, who stood powerless to help him. Deputy Coroner Straight and Marshal Lloyd of Berkeley were quickly notified. The former made arrangements to have the body removed to the Berkeley Branch Morgue. The Marshal started out after Rogers.

Halsey had been in Berkeley for some time and had recently opened a carpenter shop on Ashby avenue. He seems to have borne the reputation of being a sober and industrious workman. His sister, Mrs. Robert Hunter, with whom he resided, was nearly prostrated when she heard of his tragic death. She declared that the shock would kill the aged mother of the deceased, who lives in New York.

Stacey Rogers, the murderer, is hardly 22 years of age. He and Halsey have frequently quarreled and Halsey had threatened to thrash him if he came near the Haines house, where Mrs. Harrison was staying. Haines believes that Rogers came to the house last evening for the purpose of bothering Halsey, and when Halsey started for him he believed he would thrash him, and accordingly pulled a gun on Halsey.

Mrs. Harrison was rendered hysterical as a result of the tragic death of Halsey and could give no statement in regard to her relations with Halsey or with her husband, Mr. Harrison, from whom she has been separated for some time and of whose whereabouts nothing is known. Mrs. Harrison is a rather prepossessing young blonde and is well known in South Berkeley, where she has resided for a number of years.

At ten o'clock Rogers surrendered.

ed himself to Officer Jack Sherry at Golden Gate and an hour after he was in the Oakland City Prison. He was very nervous and excitable, and at once sent for his brother, Leo Rodgers, who is employed at Taylor's lumber yard in Berkeley. He is a respectable-looking young fellow and gives his age as just 21. Rodgers made the following statement:

"For some time past there has been some feeling of jealousy between Halsey and myself over Mrs. Eva Harrison. We never had any open quarrel, but I knew he did not like my calling at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Haines, where Mrs. Harrison stays. I yesterday afternoon went out and had a few words. Halsey said I was not wanted at the Haines house, and that he would see that I kept away. He said if he could not do it one way he would do it another. I knew what this meant, because I have heard that once he used a knife when in a scrape. I told him I would go to see Mrs. Harrison. If I chose, and he defied me."

"He told me he was going to the house last night and I decided to go there too. When I met Mr. Haines, who opened the door, I asked him if he wanted me to keep away from the house. He said he did and just then I saw Halsey come out of a door at the head of the stairs. I looked at him and saw that he had his hand raised. I fancied I saw something shining in it and knowing what he had said in the afternoon about doing me up I drew my gun and fired. I remember seeing the flash and seeing him fall and then I ran off. I wandered around for an hour and then I was cooled off and decided to give myself up. I met Officer Sherry, told him of what I had done, and he brought me here."

"I am a newspaper man and three weeks ago was doing some work for the Stockton Independent. I have also worked for the Illustrated World. I have mostly done canvassing. I have no relatives on the coast except my brother. I met Mrs. Harrison before she was married. She did not live with her husband long and they have been separated for some time."

"Halsey is a married man, but does not live with his wife. He had trouble with her and ran off to Mexico till it blew over. I have known him for a long time, but we never quarreled till today. I never met his wife and do not know where she is. Halsey has on no occasion told me to keep away from his wife."

"I consider that I did the shooting in self-defense, because I really believed that Halsey had a gun in his hand when he raised it. I have never been in trouble in my life before, and although I was prepared to defend myself if need be, I did not go to the Haines house with any intention of shooting. I am sorry I have killed my friend, and very sorry that I have been forced to bring my name into this unpleasant affair."

"In one of the dead man's pockets a razor was found which it is believed by some that he carried as a weapon of defense. The blade has two nicks, and is far from being in good condition for use in shaving."

Among the letters left by the deceased are two that are regarded as of possible significance. One is signed "Eva" and is supposed to have been written by Mrs. Harrison. It is addressed to "Dear Edgar," and its substance is a request for five dollars. The other letter bears the signature of "Lillian." It is without a date. It asked Halsey to give the writer his address, as she had "something very important which she could not keep back," to tell him. The murdered man had torn the signature off, but the bit of paper bearing the name was found in his pocket.

Several very affectionate letters

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RULES OF MARTIAL LAW.

Lieutenant Noble on Military
Duties of Citizens.

Difference Between the Practice
of Military Law Here and
in Europe.

Lieutenant R. H. Noble, First U. S. Infantry, addressed the class in Senior Military yesterday on the legal aspects of a soldier's duties and responsibilities. He said the legal side is of great importance to all officers, and also to educated citizens who may be called on in emergencies by military law.

When troops are called out in aid of civil power a change is made in the relation of the soldier to the civil law. On the continent of Europe a proper proclamation transfers the government to the military power, and the military Commander becomes for the time being absolute, and independent of civil law, subject only to the higher military tribunal for infractions of order by himself or his soldiers. In this country and in England, however, no such provision exists. As has grown up elsewhere out of the Roman Law. Our governmental system particularly has certain peculiarities as the general government has but little original jurisdiction in the maintenance of law and order. Offences are mostly against the laws of the state concerned. There is no provision in the constitution except in regard to the suspension of habeas corpus. This even does not establish anything like strict martial law.

When troops are called out civil and military powers customarily act together in maintaining law and order and after the trouble is over the government establishes courts of indemnity to adjust damages to property in time of trouble.

Martial law has its advantages among certain people, but the Anglo-Saxon is a mere law-abiding citizen and conducts the suppression of disorder on a more liberal plan, giving the disorderly elements every opportunity to return to peace. The regular soldier is the last to be called out.

When, however, State troops have been called out, and have in the course of their duties done damage to life or property, the responsibility can still be fixed by a civil or criminal jury upon the officer who was in command, and a penalty exacted. An example is the case of Colonel Coit, who at the head of a detachment of Ohio State troops, under orders from Governor McKinley, fired into a mob of lynchers who were attacking a jail. He was indicted for murder, tried and subjected to inconvenience and annoyance in order to save his life. But such cases are very rare in this country.

The lecturer ended with an enumeration of the purposes for which alone the regular troops can be used, and upheld the usefulness of a small regular army in a modern government.

George Schmidt went to Martinez this afternoon.

Just Arrived.

At E. H. Driggs' twenty cases of agateware direct from New York which he is selling at bedrock prices. See his two and three burner circular wick oil cook stoves at \$3.25 and \$4.50. His prices are 20 per cent less than city because he buys direct from the factory.

THE UNKNOWN OAKLAND
MILLINERY STORE.

The only place in Oakland where you can get goods direct from New York at the very lowest price, best quality, and latest styles. Call and see for yourself. 1207 Broadway, between 14th and 5th streets, Oakland.

BAPTISTS TO CELEBRATE.

Reopening of the Refitted
Church Next Sunday.

Special Services in the Afternoon
in Honor of the
Occasion.

On Sunday at 8:30 p. m. the reopening exercises of the Baptist church will be held in the audience room as refitted. The sermon will be preached by Rev. E. A. Woods, Pastor First Baptist Church, San Francisco. Rev. H. C. Woods will be present and speak. Rev. W. H. Latoanette, who organized this mission while in the State and is now preparing for Klondike missions, and several of the leaders today.

Rev. G. B. Hatch will extend the congratulations of "sister" denominations. The public are cordially invited. This evening at 8 p. m. every member of the Baptist church is earnestly requested to be present in person for the election of two deacons and four ushers for the church. The monthly covenant meeting will follow and close at 9 o'clock.

On Thursday the ladies of the church will give a dinner from 6 to 9 p. m. The State Board of Missions meeting that day at Oakland for business, will be invited guests the first of the evening with some other friends from abroad. It is hoped that every member of the church and congregation will, if possible, be present with family and friends, to welcome the Board and become acquainted with them and with each other. No charges will be made for refreshments, but a general appeal will be made for contributions and pledges to meet the \$300 yet needed to free the church from debt. The ladies will welcome donations of breadstuffs of all kinds, that there be abundance for all.

Presbyterian Meeting.

The annual meeting of the West Berkeley Presbyterian Church will be held on Wednesday evening, April 6th. Reports from all branches of church work will be read and a social with refreshments will conclude the evening. All friends of the congregation as well as all members are invited to be present.

PRESENTS OF LIQUOR
ARE NOT WANTED.

Editor GAZETTE: A well known citizen has sent to the Columbia fire house a keg of beer as a present for the Columbia firemen. While the kindness is appreciated we cannot accept the gift. The Columbia Fire Company does not want any presents of beer or any other liquor. We beg to inform the donor that the present was not accepted and to notify all citizens that one of it is by laws of the Columbia Fire Company forbidden the keeping of any intoxicating liquor on the premises.

This rule is one that we do not propose to violate. We thought our position in this matter was already well known, but it seems not.

D. P. MADDEN, Foreman.

Coon comedy, capu songs, jubilee shouts, cake walks, buck dancers, vanderbille, operatic masterpieces at Sistrum Hall next Saturday evening.

Mr. Noel Jacks, secretary of the Oakland Y.M.C.A., will address the College Y.M.C.A. meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4 p. m.

20 Per-Cent Cheaper
Than others in our line. Come and be convinced at the old store of H. Schellhaas, 488 Eleventh st.
If you want steel heel protectors put on your buy your shoes at 808 Delaware street.

CHANGES IN OAKLAND OFFICES.

Chief of Police, Fire Chief
and Assistant Deposed.

The Board of Public Works Dis-
charge Them and Names
Their Successors.

The Oakland Board of Public Works created a big political sensation this morning by deposing three of the leading office-holders of the city. Chief of Police Lloyd, Fire Chief Fair and Assistant Fire Chief Myrdock were all summarily turned out of their berths and a successor to each one was promptly named. The sudden upheaval caused great political excitement and is the chief topic of conversation among Oaklanders today.

Some changes were not altogether unexpected. They are regarded as the result of a little meeting held last night by Mayor Thomas and councilmen. As a result of this secret conference between Thomas and Clement, the knowing ones predicted that they would put through at some changes at the board meeting today. When the board met the changes came.

King's Daughters' Entertainment.

The society of King's Daughters of the Presbyterian Church will give an entertainment on Thursday night at the residence of Mrs. Dobbins on Chapel street.

The following program will be given during the evening:
Guitar and mandolin trio.
Reading, "Sleeping Car Service."
Vocal solo, "Waiting."
Miss Grace Dobbins
Violin obligato, Mr. E. R. Dickson
Reading, "Daughters of the King."
Selection, Berkeley Quartet.

Missionary Evening.

There will be an Evening With Missionaries in the Presbyterian Church, West Berkeley, Friday evening, April 1st. Mrs. F. B. Robinson, wife of the pastor, will speak, and also be assisted by Mrs. Peck, a returned missionary whose wide experience will add to the profit of the occasion.

An especial incident of the evening will be the speaking and singing of two Chinese girls from the San Francisco Home. This incident only will be enough to fill the house.

A Garden Party.

Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst will give a garden party to the graduating class of the State University at her home in Pleasanton, Monday, May 14th.

Committed to Stockton.

Mrs. John Spenger, the Berkeley woman who became insane over grief for the loss of a son, was yesterday ordered committed to the asylum at Stockton.

Going to Alaska.

W. S. Boddy, Robert Able and Mr. Allen of the South End, will take the steamer Wajala Walla for Victoria, en route for the Stikney river via Fort Wrangle.

Found Guilty.

In the case of the People vs. Wright, charged with conducting a gambling house, held before Justice Clift this afternoon, the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

\$2000 Hard Cash.
Must be raised at once at the old store of H. Schellhaas, 488 Eleventh st.
Shoes at cost at 808 Delaware street.

WITHIN QUEEN FLORA'S REALM.

The Tender Annuals May
Now Be Planted.

Ferns Both Outside and in the
Greenhouse Are Beginning
to Break Nicely.

Geo. N. Tyler in Alameda Argus: I do not know what to make of the weather, we have been having for the past two or three days. I put the boxes of cosmos and lobelia out in the open air to harden them off and Saturday morning's frost cut them to the root. It also cut hydrangeas that were sheltered by the lath house and even cut some of the plants under glass. But I think from now on all danger of frost is past and you can plant out any of the tender annuals, but I would advise you to protect them with old newspapers if you think there is any danger of frost.

Camellias that have finished blooming should be sprayed every day for the next month, so that they will have abundance of water at the root and twice a week a dose of liquid manure. The best location for camellias is a northern or east exposure. They are perfectly hardy in this climate. I have two plants growing on this place that are ten feet high and six feet through at the top.

Scale is the most troublesome insect that infests the camellias, and to get rid of the same they should be sprayed with a coal oil emulsion as soon as they make their growth, and again in the fall before the buds begin to swell. All bulbous plants, if you want to keep the bulbs for the following year, should after flowering be given water as long as the leaves keep green, so that they will be in condition to bloom next year. Never wet the foliage or flowers of pelargoniums (Lady Washington geraniums), as it will cause both the flowers and foliage to drop. They are a plant that gets along with the smallest amount of water, as they are a native of South Africa and can stand long dry spells.

Funkias or day lilies as they are called, should be started into growth now. If they are in pots knock them out and shake off all the old soil; then repot in any good, rich earth and give thorough drainage. If planted outside they like a shady location same as ferns. Spotted callas make nice plants for the house or porch. Pot the cornus in large pots, using very rich soil—one half thoroughly rotted manure is none too rich for them; as they are gross feeders. Give them thorough drainage, as they require abundance of water while they are growing.

Hydrangeas make fine pot plants for a porch or for northern exposure. They also require very rich soil and thorough drainage; give them plenty of air at all times. All varieties of bogonias and coleus can be started from cuttings now, also the rex variety from leaf.

Ferns both outside and in the greenhouse are beginning to break nicely now. Keep them sprayed in the morning and about noon, and they will repay this little attention ten fold before the season is over.

Money to Loan.

Up to \$4000 to loan on Berkeley property; no commission. Wm. Clark, 102 Telegraph avenue, Oakland.

Will Exchange.

To exchange for Berkeley property, small orchard near San Jose, value \$3000. Inquire of C. Duane Cobb, 1736 Oxford.

New Grocery Store.

WITH NEW PRICES
Olson's Cash Store
Cor. Shattuck and Alameda Way.

FAREWELL TO A GOLD SEEKER.

R. W. Good Leaves on Friday
For the Far North.

Farewell Smoker Tendered Him
by the Knights of Pythias
Last Night.

Last night the members of University Lodge, No. 162, K. of P., gave a "Farewell" to R. W. Good, a member of the Lodge, who leaves Friday morning on the steamer Wajala Walla for Klondike. There was a good attendance of members, and after the regular routine business had been conducted, the Pythians resolved themselves into a social body for the purposes of exchanging words of good will, bon voyage, safe and speedy return, and lots of nuggets, for their big hearted Pythian, who leaves Berkeley. The order of Knights of Pythias is noted for its principles, and lessons taught of friendship. After all present had "smoked," the Chancellor, Commander, James Carpenter called for speeches. The responses were given with a zest and ability that proved University Lodge has among its membership those who not only do right, but who also think and talk right. Appropriate sentiments were expressed in well chosen language by Knights E. W. Davis of the University of California, Good, Carpenter, Congdon, Hunt, Elliot, Holygate, Gunn, Miller and many others.

The members of University Lodge are preparing to visit the grand lodge which convenes in Santa Rosa in the month of May. They propose to go in a body with a neat, but attractive uniform, and to wear a badge of blue and gold in honor of the University for which the lodge is named.

County Division.

The delegates from the upper end of the county who are to meet in Oakland on the 13th of next month to discuss with the Board of Trade and the Merchants' Exchange and Berkeley and Alameda citizens the advisability of dividing the county to form a consolidated city and county government on the bay shore are: Livermore—Board of Trustees, H. H. Pitcher, J. O. McKown, Duncan Inman and H. Ellis; Pleasanton—Board of Trustees, Dublin—Superintendent Wells.

Senator Hamilton's colored troubadours will give an entertainment in Sistrum Hall next Saturday evening. There are fifteen male and female performers in the company, which has a wide reputation as a specialty company.

Alert Fire Company.

The Alert Fire Company held a meeting last night. Al Tobin and Alfred Brandes were appointed a committee on ways and means to secure a horse and harness. A committee was also appointed to endeavor to procure for an alarm the bell that was formerly used at the Bates gymnasium.

The roll of charter members was closed with twenty-five names on it. Harvey Waterbury is suffering from the grip.

No Shoddy Shoes.

at Westworths, 808 Delaware street West Berkeley.

A \$2 Lamp With Every \$5 purchase. See them at the old store of H. Schellhaas, 488 Eleventh st.

Men's fine lace shoes—coin toe—for \$1.50 at D. R. Wentworth's.

TINKERS AND LOCKSMITHS
Spoil every umbrella they try to repair. Why not go to Courtney's Umbrella Factory, 380 Thirteenth street, corner of Franklin, Oakland.

